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Application No.: 10/689,172      Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: October 20, 2003      Examiner: Zirker, Daniel R.  
Title: ADHESIVE ARTICLES INCLUDING NANOPARTICLE PRIMER AND  
METHODS FOR PREPARING SAME

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated October 28, 2005, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 10, 2005 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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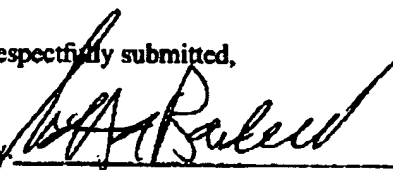
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested and allowance of claims 1-11 and 29-37 at an early date is solicited.

If additional issues remain, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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